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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JANUARY 20, 1975;

HIGHLIGHTS CABLE

1. SUMMARY: THE EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MET IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 20. THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS ON RELATIONS WITH IRAN, PREPARATIONS FOR THE MTN, AND ENERGY ARE REPORTED SEPTELS. THIS MESSAGE COVERS THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING WHICH DEALT WITH POLITICAL COOPERATION, MAJORITY VOTING WITHIN THE COUNCIL, THE ACP NEGOTIATIONS, BRITISH RENEGOTIATIONS, ETC. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITICAL COOPERATION: THE MINISTERS AGREED TO HOLD A POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING IN DUBLIN ON FEBRUARY 13. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE FIRST EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF GOVERNMENT; ALL BUT THE DUTCH AGREED TO SCHEDULE THE MEETING IN DUBLIN ON MARCH 10 AND 11. THE DUTCH WILL SEEK TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE CONFLICT; IF THIS IS NOT

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POSSIBLE, MARCH 18 AND 19 HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AS

ALTERNATE DATES. IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD THEN PROPOSED THAT DURING THE MIDDLE OF APRIL THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HOLD A GYMNICHS-STYLE RETREAT IN IRELAND TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THIS WEEKEND MEETING WILL ALSO PERMIT, TO QUOTE FITZGERALD, "SOME UNHARRIED THINKING ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE."

3. ACP'S: THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE FULL EC COUNCIL WILL REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY AT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ACP COUNTRIES IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 30 AND 31. THEY FURTHER AGREED TO EXTEND UNILATERALLY MOST OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING EC AGREEMENTS WITH THE YAOUNDE AND ARUSHA COUNTRIES (WHICH LAPSED AS OF JANUARY 1) UNTIL NEW ACCORDS ARE SIGNED--PROVIDED THIS IS DONE BEFORE JUNE 30, 1975. THEY DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXTEND THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE YAOUNDE AND ARUSHA CONVENTIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO LOANS FROM THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. THUS, NO NEW LOANS WILL BE MADE UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT IS SIGNED WITH THE ACP COUNTRIES.

4. MAJORITY VOTING: IN AN EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION OF THE PARIS SUMMIT, FITZGERALD PROPOSED A PROCEDURE WHEREBY ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE REVIEWED AT THE OPENING OF EACH MEETING TO DETERMINE WHICH, IF ANY, COULD BE DECIDED BY MAJORITY VOTE. THE MINISTERS DID NOT REACH ANY DECISION ON THIS PROPOSAL--POSSIBLY BECAUSE ALL ISSUED BEFORE THE PRESENT COUNCIL WERE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO VARIOUS MEMBER STATES TO REQUIRE UNANIMOUS DECISION.

5. RENEGOTIATION: DURING THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE COUNCIL SESSION THE BRITISH REITERATED THEIR DESIRE TO MAKE PROGRESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH RENEGOTIATION. AS NOTED ABOVE, THEY INDICATED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DATE OF MARCH 10 FOR THE MEETING OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN COUNCIL. BY THAT TIME, CALLAGHAN SAID HE HOPED THAT THE BUDGET ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE "INVENTORY" OF THE CAP.

6. MISCELLANEOUS: THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREED TO DECIDE ON THE LOCATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IN FEBRUARY. THE COUNCIL ALSO HEARD A REPORT ON REGIONAL POLICY AND THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TAKEN AT THE PARIS SUMMIT. THEY ASKED COREPER TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS READY FOR THE COUNCIL'S EXAMINATION IN FEBRUARY. GREENWALD

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